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Docket No.: .50353-577

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Takayuki SUZUKI, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 5045
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING A DISC PLATE

**AFFIRMATION OF ELECTION**

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Sir:

This is to affirm election made on January 8, 2003 with the Examiner, of  
Group I, Claims 1-14.

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